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AHCA Announces Home Health Agency Comparison Tool on FloridaHealthFinder

~ New Resources Allow for Patients to Better Explore Their Home Health Options ~

TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.** – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announced the launch of a new tool on FloridaHealthFinder.gov today for people interested in learning more about home health agencies in Florida. These new resources are similar to those that are already available for assisted living facilities.

Interim Secretary Justin M. Senior said, "FloridaHealthFinder is an invaluable resource that provides those needing health care in Florida with transparency and access to information about the different types of facilities and services offered. I am excited that we have added expanded resources relating to home health agencies to help patients and families make informed decisions."

Home health agencies provide nursing care, home health aide services, nutritional guidance and other therapeutic services in a patient's home or place of residence. The new resources allow patients and their families to research their home health options before deciding how to best meet their health needs. Consumers can compare the state's nearly 2,000 home health agencies by county/service area, name or Medicare/Medicaid certification status. Comparison measures include accreditation status, facility complaints, sanction, fine and deficiency information and more.

Visitors to the website are able to use the tool to find help choosing the right provider by learning more about specific home health agencies, making comparisons and browsing consumer guides. Those interested in exploring the new Home Health Agency Comparison Tool may do so by visiting FloridaHealthFinder's home health agency webpage.

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The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 48,500 health care facilities and 43 health plans, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via Facebook (AHCAFlorida), Twitter (@AHCA_FL) and YouTube (/AHCAFlorida).

